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### **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

RE:

U.S. Patent Application Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PROGRAMMABLE FLUIDIC PROCESSING - by Becker, et al (MDA98-010)

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- Request for Filing Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b);
  - Preliminary Amendment; (2)
  - Check in the amount of \$355.00 as the filing fee for the continuation application; (3)
  - Formal Drawings (Figures 1-13 on 11 sheets); and
  - A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this (5) postcard.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or the amount is insufficient, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10104086/MCB.

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Classification Designation: 204-450.000

Prior Group Art Unit: 1743

# REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/249,955 filed February 12, 1999, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROGRAMMABLE FLUIDIC PROCESSING."

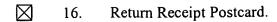
1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/249,955 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such

		willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent						
		issuing thereon.						
		(a)	$\boxtimes$	The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No.				
				09/249,255.				
		(b)		Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting				
				inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)				
				and 1.33(b).				
		(c)		Priority of foreign patent application number , filed in				
				is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(e). The certified copy:				
				is enclosed.				
				has been filed in the prior Application Serial No.				
$\boxtimes$	2.	The (	Commi	ssioner is requested to grant Applicants a filing date in accordance				
		with	Rule 1	.53, and supply Applicants with a Notice of Missing Parts in due				
		cours	se, in ac	cordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(f).				
$\boxtimes$	3.	Enclo	osed is	a check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated				
		below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment						
		refer	red to in	n Part No. 9 below.				

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# CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BELOW

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Basic	Fee					\$355.00						
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$\boxtimes$	4.	Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.										
		(a) A small entity statement is enclosed.										
$\boxtimes$		(b) A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and										
			such status is stil	l proper and desired.								
		(c)	Small entity stat	us is no longer claim	ed.							
$\boxtimes$	5.	If the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to										
		charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be required for any										
reason relating to this application, or credit any overpayment to Fulbright												
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	6.	Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.										
$\boxtimes$	7.	Add	ress all future comn	nunications to:								
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